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ASYLUM FOR BOYS.

Although several accounts, of the progress and usefulness of the Asylum, have been published, the managers think that a further statement, will be both interesting to its patrons, and beneficial to the institution.

In the year 1813, several gentlemen formed a society for the relief and education of such boys, as might be found destitute of parental and friendly superintendence. In February 1814, an act of incorporation was granted them, and the society was immediately organized, with the title of the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys.

The objects of this charity are, to afford protection and support to destitute male orphans, and boys whose parents are unable to support them, and who would otherwise, not only be subject to the evils of poverty, but remain exposed to scenes of depravity and vice. Such children, the society endeavors to instruct in the elements of education, and to form their minds to those early habits of industry and piety, which will prepare them for usefulness and respectability in mature years.

Boys are admitted into the Asylum at the early age of four years, under well ascertained necessity. They remain under the tuition of the matron and instructress, until they have attained a proper age, when they enter the public schools. At the age of about twelve years, they are bound apprentices to farmers in different parts of the state. This course has been found productive of satisfactory results, and there have been few exceptions to its adoption. The character and situation

of those to whom the boys are apprenticed, are made the subjects of particular inquiry; and the testimonies of the clergyman and selectmen, of the town where they live, are required, respecting their fitness to take charge of the young. They are also required to give obligation, that they will furnish the objects of their care with instruction in reading, writing, arithmetic, and the principles of the Christian religion.

Since the institution was organized, 164 children have been received into the Asylum; 104 have been apprenticed, 4 have died, 3 have been given up to their friends, and 53 remain. Instances of misconduct have been extremely rare; and the benefactors of this charitable institution have the satisfaction to believe, that they have been the means of saving many children from vice and misery, and laying the foundation for their future usefulness and respectability.

Applications for admission have been numerous. Some of them have been rejected by the managers, as improper cases for this charity; and others on account of the limited means of the institution. Within a short period, however, its wants have been made more extensively known, and, by the seasonable aid of its patrons, its resources have received an increase, which will somewhat more than meet the present expenses. It is desirable to take a larger number of children into the nurture of the institution. The house now occupied is in a dilapidated condition, and it is requisite to have some addition made, or a new building erected. The house is one of the oldest in the city. It was built in 1688, and was occupied by Gov. Phipps as a dwelling house. It stands on the corner of Salem and Charter Streets, and is a spacious building, surrounded by a good play ground and garden. The proposed addition to the house, and to the number of children, will increase the demands upon the funds; and it is hoped that these considerations will induce the patrons of the Asylum to continue their charities; and that other benevolent individuals will contribute their aid, to promote the welfare of an institution of such acknowledged usefulness.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

An Act to incorporate the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys.

WHEREAS William Phillips, James Lloyd, William Sullivan, Benjamin Greene, and Samuel H. Walley, and a number of other persons, have associated for the charitable purpose of relieving, instructing and employing indigent boys belonging to the town of Boston, and to carry their association into effect, have petitioned to be incorporated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the said William Phillips and his associates, together with such others, as may become subscribers to the same Institution, in the manner herein after provided, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a Society, by the name of the "BOSTON ASYLUM FOR INDIGENT BOYS," and by that name shall be a corporation for ever, with power to have a common seal; to make contracts relative to the objects of their Institution; to sue and be sued; to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of the said Society, and the preservation and application of the funds thereof, provided the same be not repugnant to the constitution or laws of this commonwealth; to take, hold, and possess any estate, real or personal, by sub-

scription, gift, grant, purchase, devise, or otherwise, free from taxes, and the same to improve, lease, exchange, or sell and convey, for the sole benefit of said Institution; provided that the value of the real estate of said Society shall never, at any one time, exceed fifty thousand dollars, and the annual income of the whole estate of said society shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That every person, who shall subscribe and pay to the funds of said Society, a sum not less than three dollars annually, shall, by such subscription and payment, become a Member of said Society, liable however to be removed therefrom, on neglect or refusal to pay the annual subscription aforesaid.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Society shall meet in Boston, on the first Monday in May annually, for the purpose of electing, by ballot, from their members, a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Board of not less than six, nor more than nine Managers, in addition to the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Society, who shall always be *ex officiis* members of the Board of Managers; all which officers shall hold their respective offices one year, and until others shall be elected to succeed them, except in case of vacancy, by death or resignation, in which case the Board of Managers shall have power to fill such vacancy, until the ensuing annual election. And the said Board of Managers shall have power to call a meeting, of the said Society, whenever they may deem it expedient; and it shall be their duty to call such meeting, whenever requested thereto by fifty of the subscribers; and to give notice of the annual meetings by advertisements in at

least two of the newspapers printed in Boston, at least seven days before such meeting. Not less than three Managers shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; and all questions shall be decided by the votes of a majority of the Managers present; and at all meetings of the Society, or the Managers, the President shall preside, or if absent, the Vice President; and in case of the absence of both of the said officers, such person shall preside, as the Society, or the Board of Managers, at their respective meetings, may elect.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Treasurer of the Society shall give bonds for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and to render accounts of his transactions therein, as often as may be required by the Board of Managers, in such sum, and with such sureties, as to the Board of Managers may be acceptable. And any officer or member of the said Society may be removed therefrom, on the vote of a majority of the whole number of the members, of which the Society may at the time consist.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Managers, for the time being, shall have the entire direction and control of the concerns, business, and interests of the Society, and shall have the management and application of all the subscriptions, donations, funds, and estate of the Society, to be appropriated solely for the uses of the Society; and no sale or transfer of any real or personal estate of said society shall be valid, unless approved by them; and no money shall be paid out of the treasury, except by their order. They shall likewise have authority, at their discretion, to take into their Asylum such indigent boys, belonging to the town of Boston, as they

may judge to be suitable objects of charity, to enjoy the benefits of the Institution; and also to accept a surrender, in writing by the father, or where there is no father, by the mother or guardian of any indigent boy as aforesaid, to the care and direction of said Society, and to bind out in virtuous families, or to reputable trades or occupations, or to educate in such a manner as they may deem beneficial, until the age of twenty-one years, any such indigent boy, or boys, thus surrendered, or any such boy, who being destitute of parents, within this Commonwealth, shall have been relieved and supported by the Society; provided that any parent, whose child or children shall have received relief, or have been bound out as aforesaid, during the absence of such parent from this state, shall have liberty, on his or her return to the state, to receive and withdraw such child or children, on paying to the Treasurer of the Society, the expense incurred in his or their relief and support as aforesaid. And the Managers shall have authority to establish any rules and regulations for the proceedings of the Board, and the concerns of said Society, not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth, or the by-laws of said Society.

Sect. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That any writ or process against said Corporation may be served by the officer's leaving an attested copy thereof with the Treasurer of said Society, or at his last or usual place of residence, thirty days before the return day thereof; and the said Treasurer, or any person appointed for that purpose by the Society, or by the Managers, may appear by Attorney, and defend or prosecute any suit in behalf of said Society. And all instruments of conveyance or contract which may lawfully be made

by said Society, shall be approved by the Managers, and signed by the President or Vice President, as the Board may direct, and countersigned by the Secretary, and, if necessary, sealed with the common seal of said Society, and, when so executed, shall be binding thereon, and valid in law.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That Benjamin Greene be, and he is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the said Society, by giving public notice of the time and place of meeting, by advertisement in one or more of the newspapers printed in the town of BOSTON, at least three days prior to such meeting; and at which meeting, the officers before mentioned of the Society shall be elected, and shall hold their offices until the first annual election of officers shall be holden agreeably to the provisions of this Act.

In the House of Representatives, Feb. 23, 1814.

This Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, *Speaker.*

In Senate, Feb. 24, 1814.

This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

JOHN PHILLIPS, *President.*

February 24, 1814. Approved: CALEB STRONG.

Secretary's Office, March 4, 1814.

The foregoing has been examined and compared with the original Act, and is a true copy.

Attest, ALDEN BRADFORD,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BY LAWS.

1. Every person, who shall contribute one hundred dollars, shall be considered a member for life, of the first class; every person who shall contribute fifty dollars and upwards, and less than one hundred dollars, shall be considered a member for life of the second class; and such subscriptions shall be added to the permanent fund.

2. Every person who shall subscribe and pay three dollars annually, shall be considered a member during pleasure.

3. The amount of all donations and bequests, (except otherwise prescribed by the donor or testator,) and of all collections, except the annual subscriptions, shall constitute a permanent fund, and be invested in such manner, as the Board of Managers shall direct, and the income only of the permanent fund shall be expended for the purposes of the charity.

4. A meeting of the board of Managers shall be held, the second Tuesday of every month, at the Asylum house, for the purpose of attending to the concerns of the society. Three Managers shall constitute a quorum, and the *consent* of three Managers, at least, shall be necessary to the admission of boys.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, which he shall attend; in his absence the Vice President; if neither be present, the Society or Board of Managers, as the case may be, may elect a chairman. At all meetings the presiding officer, in case of an equal division, shall have the casting vote.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify and attend all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers, to keep a correct and fair record of their proceedings, and to do all necessary writing relative to the business of the corporation. The Secretary shall also place in the Managers' room, at the Asylum House, the name and place of residence of the Monthly Committee, to the end that all persons may know to whom to apply for the admission or removal of a child; he shall also record in a book, kept for that purpose, all applications for admission into the Asylum, which, (except in special cases,) shall have priority of claim according to their date.

7. The Treasurer shall attend the meetings of the Board of Managers, and shall render, once in every three months, an account of moneys received, paid out, and remaining in his hands.

8. In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Managers, a nomination list shall be opened for one month, and the Secretary, previous to the election of the Manager or Managers to fill such vacancy, shall insert, in his notification to the Board, information that a choice is to be made.

9. There shall be a Committee of one, taken from the Board of Managers, for each and every month, to serve in rotation, whose duty it shall be, to examine into the circumstances of boys offered for admission into the Asylum; and also to make inquiries concerning those persons, applying to take boys out of the Asylum; to call special intermediate meetings of the Managers; and generally, to oversee the concerns of the Institution.

10. There shall be a Master or Matron of the Asylum, to be appointed by the Board of Managers, and removable by them, to whom shall be entrusted the more immediate management and superintendance of the boys. It shall be the duty of the Master or Matron, to remain constantly at the Asylum, and in no case to be absent, especially during the night, without permission from the Monthly Committee; nor shall the Master or Matron allow any boy to be absent, at any time, from the Asylum, without special permission in writing from one of the Managers.

11. The boys shall be received into the Asylum from three to twelve years of age, and be allowed to remain there till disposed of, as authorised by the Act of Incorporation. Boys born in the city of Boston will be preferred. The boys shall be taught to read, write and cipher, and shall be employed in some useful occupation.

12. Every parent, guardian, or other person, surrendering a boy to the Society, shall, previously to the admission of such boy into the Asylum, give an obligation not to interfere in the management of the

child, and not to visit him without the consent of a Manager, nor ask or receive any compensation for his services, nor induce, or attempt to induce any child to leave the family, or station, in which he may be placed by the Managers.

13. No relative or acquaintance of any child belonging to the Asylum, shall interfere in the management of such child, or be permitted to visit him, except in presence of the Master or Matron, nor shall more than two of the same family visit any child at one time, nor for a longer time than half an hour, except in case of sickness.

14. Any boy may be received into the Asylum, at any time, on the vote, or consent, of three Managers; but no boy shall be admitted before his surrender shall have been made to the Society; and the parent or guardian, if any there be, shall have obliged him or herself, to receive the child, if, after a trial of three months, the managers shall choose to return him. No boy shall be dismissed from the Asylum, or bound out, except at a regular meeting of the board.

15. Every member shall pay the annual subscription on the first Monday of May, that being the anniversary of the election of officers; and any Subscriber intending to withdraw from the Society, shall give notice of such intention to the Secretary, in writing, by the 15th of April, otherwise he shall be held to pay the annual subscription for the next year.

REGULATIONS.

1. The children, if the weather permit, shall regularly attend public worship, with the Master or Matron, every Sunday, at such place as the Board of Managers shall direct; and it shall be the duty of the Master, or Matron, to attend particularly, on that day, to the religious instruction of the children.

2. The Master, or Matron, shall read a portion of Scripture, and pray with the children, morning and evening; and shall attend them at their meals and say grace. They shall also endeavor by precept and example, to instil into the minds of the children, the principles of religion, and to form them to habits of piety and virtue.

3. It shall be the duty of the Master, or Matron, to instruct the children in spelling, reading, knitting and spinning, or such other occupations as in the opinion of the Board, may best suit their respective ages and capacities.

4. The Master, or Matron, shall not permit any boy to be taken from the Asylum, until the person applying shall have provided proper clothes for him, in lieu of those belonging to the Society, which shall in all cases be retained.

5. The Monthly Committee shall regulate the bill of fare, and a sample of the food shall be produced to them whenever required.

6. In case of sickness, the Master or Matron shall observe such directions, as may, from time to time, be given by the Monthly Committee.

FORM OF A SURRENDER.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I of in the county of and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the of , a minor, in consideration that the said child has been received by the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys, to be nurtured, educated and employed, according to the rules and regulations of said Institution, do hereby surrender and release the said to the said Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys, to the entire, sole, and exclusive care, management, and direction of the said Society and the Board of Managers thereof, until the day of which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and when the said will arrive at the age of twenty-one years; to be fed, clothed, governed, corrected, instructed, and employed, according to the regulations of said Institution, and under the direction of the proper officers thereof; and when they shall think fit and proper, by them to be bound out in a virtuous family, or to a reputable trade or occupation; or to be educated in such other manner as they may deem beneficial during said term of minority; hereby giving, granting, and transferring unto them, all my right, power, and authority in and over him the said minor.

And I do hereby covenant, That I will in no way or manner, either directly or indirectly, interfere with the management, direction, or government of the said minor; that I will never visit, nor attempt to visit him, except as may from time to time be permitted me under the regulations of said Institution; that I will never ask nor receive any compensation for his services; nor induce, nor attempt to induce him to leave any family, station, or employment, in which he may be placed by the Board of Managers; and, finally, that I will strictly conform to all the rules, regulations, and requirements of the said BOSTON ASYLUM FOR INDIGENT BOYS.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in presence of

FORM OF AN INDENTURE.

THIS INDENTURE, of two parts, made and executed this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty by and between the BOSTON ASYLUM FOR INDIGENT BOYS, of the first part; and of in the county of and state of of the other part, WITNESSETH:

That the said BOSTON ASYLUM FOR INDIGENT BOYS, by virtue of the authority given by the act incorporating the said Society, and under the provisions and restrictions in the said Act contained, do, by these presents, place and bind out a minor, who has been relieved, supported, and instructed, by the said Institution, to the said to learn the art, trade, and mystery of and with him, after the manner of an apprentice, to dwell and serve, from the day of the ensealing hereof until the day of which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and when the said minor will arrive at the age of twenty one years.

And the said does hereby covenant and agree with the said BOSTON ASYLUM FOR INDIGENT BOYS, that he will cause the said minor to be suitably instructed in the art, trade, and mystery of that he will also cause the said minor to be suitably instructed in reading, writing, arithmetic, and

in Christian morals and religion, and will train him up in habits of industry, sobriety, and virtue; that he will provide and allow the said minor, during the said term, wholesome and sufficient meat, drink, lodging, clothing, and all other things, in health and sickness, necessary and suitable for his situation and employment; and at the expiration of said term will give to said minor two suits of clothes, complete, and suitable to his degree and standing in life.

Provided, however, that in case of the death of the said within said period, or if he shall not well and faithfully keep and perform each and all the covenants aforesaid on his part to be performed, then it shall be lawful for the Board of Managers of the said Asylum, for the time being, if they shall think proper, to take away the said minor from the said and to bind him out to any other person for the residue of the said term, any thing in this indenture to the contrary notwithstanding.

In testimony whereof, President of the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys, has hereto set his hand and affixed the common seal of the said corporation, and the said has hereto set his hand and seal, the day and year first aforesaid.

Secretary.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

Approved by

} Managers.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item. I give and devise unto the "Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys," the sum of
to be paid to the Treasurer thereof, by my executor, within months after my decease, and applied by the Board of Managers, for the time being, towards carrying on the charitable design of said Society.

PERMANENT FUND.

Asylum House, cost and repairs -	$9,783,73
Policies in Hospital Life Insurance Office	28,400,00
Stock in Merchants Bank	1,031,00
	$39,214,73

COLLECTIONS.

First Anniversary	$476,79	Tenth	$292,35
Second	315,25	Eleventh	209,07
Third	421,40	Twelfth	299,61
Fourth	297,23	Thirteenth	311,50
Fifth	335,61	Fourteenth	294,04
Sixth	592,59	Fifteenth	160,18
Seventh	317,67	Sixteenth	156,00
Eighth	214,75	Seventeenth	60,00
Ninth	208,62		
			$4,962,66

DONATION AND LEGACIES.

Abraham Touro Esq. Legacy,	$5000,00
William Phillips Esq. do	2000,
Jeremiah Belknap, do	1000,
Mrs. Lydia Sparhawk, do	1000,
Miss Jane Belknap, do	1000,
James Perkins Esq. donation	1000,
Samuel Appleton Esq. do	1000,
William Burroughs Esq.	500,
Amos and Abbot Lawrence,	500,
John Mc. Lean,	300,
Daniel Stocker, legacy	300,
William Lambert Esq., legacy	300,
French Opera Concert,	235,
Gardiner Green Esq. donation	200,
David Sears,	200,
Peter C. Brooks,	200,
Park St. Singing Society, proceeds of concert,	200,
Society of Ladies for the benefit of the poor,	200,
Hon. Harrison Gray Otis,	130,
Military Exempts, fines	115,94
Daniel P. Parker,	113,
Joshua Clapp,	110,
Samuel H. Walley Esq.	105,
Amos Lawrence,	100,
Otis Everett Esq.	100,
John Parker,	100,
Nathan Appleton,	100,
Samuel A. Eliot,	100,
Josiah Bradlee,	100,

Robert Rogerson,	$100,
George W. Lyman,	100,
Samuel Dorr,	100,
William Lawrence,	100,
William Pratt,	100,
Thomas B. Wales,	100,
Anonymous,	100,
Ebenezer T. Andrews,	97,
Mr. Haddock,	92,
James A. Dickson,	90,
Harmonic Society,	78,18
Friend,	75,
Firewards of Boston,	70,
Robert G. Shaw,	65,
Mrs. E. Prescott, Newburyport	60,
Mrs. Lowell,	55,
A Lady,	50,
Mrs. Phila Kean, legacy	50,
Mrs. Phineas Spelman,	50,
Eliza and Agnes Mc. Kean,	50,
Charles C. Nichols,	50,
Friend,	50,
Friend,	50,
A. Crocker, legacy,	50,
Rev. Francis Parkman,	50,
Francis Parkman,	50,
Ebenezer Chadwick,	50,
Francis Stanton,	50,
James Read,	50,
Thomas H. Perkins,	50,
Theodore Lyman, jr.	50,
Edmund Baylies,	50,
John Amory,	50,
Samuel Whitwell,	50,
William Appleton,	50,
George Hallet,	50,
William Brown Esq.	50,

Mrs. Susanna Tufts, legacy,	$50,
John Hubbard,	46,67
Thomas H. Perkins, jun.	45,
Managers of Peace Ball,	44,
Harmonic Society,	40,97
Social Fire Society,	40,
Committee of Ward No. 12,	39,
Committee of Ward No. 8,	38,
Exhibition, Jacea Gloriosa,	36,88
Edmund and Amasa Winchester,	30,
Ladies' Gleaning Circle,	30,
Joseph Austin,	30,
Israel Munro,	30,
Henry G. Rice,	25,
L. Tappan,	25,
Henry Hubbard,	25,
Artemas Ward,	25,
Henry J. Oliver's collection,	25,
Joseph P. Bradlee,	25,
John Lamson,	25,
Miss Mary Payne,	25,
Miss Sarah Payne,	25,
Thomas Wigglesworth,	25,
Israel Munson,	20,
Friend's Legacy,	20,
Madame Poussin,	20,
Thomas Dennie,	20,
Charles Barnard,	20,
George Brinley,	20,
John Baker,	20,
John Brown,	20,
Rev. Benjamin B. Wisner,	20,
Friend,	20,
Committee of Ward No. 11,	19,
Anonymous,	15,
Samuel Brown,	15,
Sally Brown,	15,

Tristram Barnard,	$15
Samuel Hubbard Esq.	14,
Committee of Ward No. 4,	13,
Committee of Ward No. 12,	13,
Joseph Head, jun.	12,
Jonathan L. Austin,	12,
Jury of Municipal Court,	12,
Andrew Brimmer,	10,
William Brown, jun.	10,
Calvin Stearns,	10,
Mrs. E. B. Wilder,	10,
William H. Prescott,	10,
Thomas Cordis,	10,
M. and N. Payne,	10,
Samuel Upton,	10,
Catherine Eliot,	10,
Catharine Norton,	10,
Anna Eliot,	10,
Mrs. Samuel Eliot,	10,
George Bond,	10,
Edward Tuckerman,	10,
Friend,	10,
Friend,	10,
Friend,	10,
Edmund Winchester Esq.,	10,
Mr. Goodacre,	10,
J. M. Lovell,	10,
Mrs. T. Hubbard,	10,
Samuel D. Harris,	9,
Committee of Ward No. 10,	8,
Whitwell and Co,	7,44
Mrs. Hannah Smith,	7,
David Jones,	7,
Moses Everett,	7,
Foreman of Jury,	6,
M. Marshall,	6,
Dorcas Society,	6,

Lady,	5,—
John Ballard, jr.	5,
R. Hallowell,	5,
Phineas Upham,	5,
John Barnard,	5,
Bryant P. Tilden,	5,
Samuel Stackpole,	5,
Samuel T. Armstrong,	5,
Jeremiah Lee,	5,
Samuel D. Richards,	5,
Aaron Hill,	5,
Lottery Ticket,	5,
Friend,	5,
Friend,	5,
Augustus Aspinwall,	5,
Georgiana Amory,	5,
Walley and Foster,	5,
Small sums, under $5,	228,65
	$20,443,43

ADDITIONAL.

James Lloyd, Legacy,	5000,00
Mrs. E. Derby,	300,00
Isaiah Thomas,	300,00
Benj. W. Gleason, Astronomical Lecture,	27,50
Small sums, under $5,	40,84
	5668,34

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS

Dr. Zabdiel B. Adams	$50
Miss Caroline Amory	50
Mrs. H. R. Amory	50
John Amory Esq.	50
Jonathan Amory jr.	100
Nathaniel Amory	50
Ebenezer T. Andrews	50
Nathan Appleton	50
Samuel Appleton	50
William Appleton	50
Samuel T. Armstrong	50
*Adam Babcock	50
Edmund Baylies	50
John Bishop jr.	50
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Samuel A. Eliot	100
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Miss Mary Greene	50
*John Grew	50
George Hallett	50
Joseph Head	50
Miss Catharine C. Holland	50
John Howe	50
John Hubbard	50
Samuel Hubbard Esq.	50

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Amos Lawrence	50
William Lawrence	50
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Theodore Lyman jr.	50
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Israel Munson	100
Edward A. Newton	50
Henry J. Oliver	50
Mrs. Catharine M. Osborn	50
Miss Lydia Osborn	50
Hon. Harrison Gray Otis	100
Daniel P. Parker	50
John Parker	50
Rev. Francis Parkman	50
Samuel Parkman	100
Mrs. Sarah Parkman	50
Ebenezer Parsons	100
William Parsons	100
James Perkins	50
Thomas H. Perkins Esq.	50
John Perry	50
Jonathan Phillips Esq.	50
William Phillips Esq.	100
William Pratt	100
Mrs. E. Prescott	$50
William Prescott Esq.	50
Edward Renouf	100
Joseph W. Revere	50
John Richards	50
Paul D. Richards	50
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The disposition to confer benefits on others, is one of the most noble and elevating, with which our Creator has endued us. It assimilates our minds to the nature of His, whose most endearing attribute is Universal Benevolence. It constituted the governing impulse of the most perfect being, that ever visited this world, and induced him to go about doing good.

There are none who make stronger demands upon our liberality than orphans, and the children of the poor. Destitute, at an age when they most need cultivation—friendless, when the protecting care of friends is of the greatest importance—they solicit a share of those favors, which Heaven has withheld from them, that the benevolent may prove their virtue, by their liberality.

The condition of the destitute orphan, appeals to the sympathy of every heart. Left alone in a world of evil, temptation, and sorrow, where shall he look for relief and protection, but to those whom Heaven has endowed with the means of both? Why are springs made to gush out from the mountains, but to water the plains below? Why are the treasures of earth entrusted to the benevolent, but to enable them to bestow their bounties upon the poor?

The young of all classes require parental care, and all the assistance, which good education, and right principles, imbibed in early youth, can afford, in preparing them for the duties, and enabling them to sustain the trials, of active life. The pious mother may

call her child to her knee at eventide, and, ere he reposes his infant head upon his pillow, instruct him to raise his heart, in expressions of adoration and gratitude, to that good Being, who is his Creator and Protector. The kind father may provide the means of education for his son, and lay the foundation for his future usefulness, and honor, in learning and virtue. But who shall protect the orphan, over whose early years the eye of no tender mother watches—for whom no affectionate father provides? Who shall direct the early dawnings of his intellect? Who shall keep his youthful feet from the seductive paths of vice, and instruct him in virtue and piety? He is an outcast, for whom no one cares, until the hand of charity is extended to his aid, and the doors of benevolence are opened for his reception.

How many children of the poor do we also find, whose situation is no better than that of the orphan! They have parents, but the evils too often the attendants of poverty, have rendered them unable to provide for their support, and negligent of their education. They become familiar with the language, and the practices of vice, until they are prepared to take the places of those, whom profligacy and crime have hurried to the prison and the grave. With individuals, thus neglected in childhood, and left to the formation of idle, intemperate, and vicious habits, our almshouses and penitentiaries are thronged. Charity calls on us to snatch these beginners in evil, from the path of ruin, to train them in the way of virtue, and to give them to society, qualified for usefulness and respect.

Considerations like these, induced several individuals, in the year 1813, to lay the foundation of the Asylum for Indigent Boys, where they may be rescued from idleness and vice, and trained to become useful members of society. The project, thus far, has satisfied the warmest expectations of its friends. It has proved to be an institution of no uncertain tendency. It has watched over the otherwise unguarded hours of childhood; it has removed the youthful mind from the inducements of evil, and supplied it with sentiments of virtue; it has led the young through the paths of

learning and industry, and qualified him for usefulness. Many children have been thus rescued, educated, and bound as apprentices in respectable families, where they have the opportunity of becoming industrious and virtuous men. These are no common benefits—they are worthy the attention of liberal and enlightened minds.

In behalf of the Asylum, we make our appeal to the best affections of the heart. We appeal to the Philanthropist, who regards all as the children of one Father. We appeal to the Patriot, who knows that the welfare of each, contributes to the security of the whole. Let such contribute to the support of an institution, which promises to rescue a large number of children from misery and vice, and prepare them to become valuable and intelligent members of the civil community. The opportunity for a judicious benevolence is here presented, with the assurance that its gifts will result in the fruits of usefulness and public good.